

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, as amended.

By this amendment, the Abstract has been brought into compliance with MPEP §608.01(b). Claims 21-28 have also been added to provide more comprehensive protection for certain aspects of the invention.

By virtue of the accompanying declaration of the relevant portions of Exhibits A and B under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131(a), Applicants respectfully submit that Sinha is no longer available as a reference. In that Sinha is used as the basis for all rejections, and the remaining references, taken either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest each of the claimed features, Applicants respectfully submit the application is patentably distinguishable therefrom.

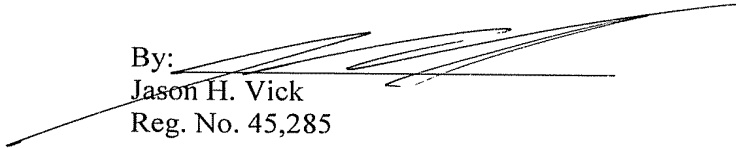
A Notice of Allowance is thus respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 19-1970 (T3656-8786US01) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such petition for extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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